

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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## **Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program**

Report Date: April 4, 2007 Permit number: M/053/004

Operator Name: Teck Cominco American, Inc. Date: February 12, 2007 Time: 4:10 PM David W. Godlewski

15918 East Euclid Avenue Spokane, Washington 99216

Inspector(s): Doug Jensen, Daron Haddock

Other Participants: None Mine Status: Inactive

Mine Name: Apex Mine

Weather: Clear, mild

Supervisor

| <b>Elements of Inspection</b>  | Evaluated | Comment | Enforcement |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds   |           |         |             |
| 2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)                      |           |         |             |
| 3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control                                   |           |         |             |
| 4. Deleterious Material  |           |         |             |
| 5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)                        |           |         |             |
| 6. Concurrent Reclamation  | 5         |         |             |
| 7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes) |           |         |             |
| 8. Water Impoundments  |           |         | П           |
| 9. Soils   | H         | H       | H           |
| 10. Revegetation   |           |         |             |
| 11. Air Quality  |           |         |             |
| 12. Other  | $\bowtie$ |         |             |
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### **Purpose of Inspection:**

Check the site while in the area and familiarize other people to the site.

#### **Directions to Site:**

See previous inspection reports.

#### **Inspection Summary:**

No real changes to the site since the last inspection. The mine remains inactive and there is a locked gate near the entrance to the mine site. No one was at the mine and it didn't appear that there had been any recent activity at the mine. No environmental concerns were noted, although the site should be monitored for erosion, especially after the fire from last year.

#### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

Teck Cominco has stated that minerals contained in the mine are being held as a part of their strategic reserves; therefore until a need exists the mine will remain inactive. Continue to monitor the site while in the area.

Inspector's Signature

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Teck Cominco American - David Godlewski

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